MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): What is the minimum number of persons necessary to hold a public meeting?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As many as you can get. (*Laughter.*)

Conduct of the Alleppey Police in connection with the arrest of congress workers.

302. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the alleged high-handedness of the Alleppey Police in the recent arrests of Congress workers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report is a confidential document. It cannot, therefore, be laid on the table.

Enquiry into the conduct of the Police in connection with the arrest of congress volunteers at Alleppey.

303. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the enquiry regarding the incidents alleged to have taken place at Alleppey in connection with the arrest of volunteers who disobeyed the prohibitory order is over;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner of Police has submitted any report;

(*c*) the nature and method of the enquiry conducted by the Commissioner;

(*d*) whether evidence is taken from respectable citizens of Alleppey who are non-officials; and

(*e*) whether evidence is taken *in camera* or in public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An enquiry was conducted at Alleppey by the Commissioner of Police at his camp office, and it is completed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He examined various signatories to a pamphlet that alleged excesses by the Police, other residents of Alleppey, and a convicted volunteer, besides examining the District Superintendent and the Inspector of Police, Alleppey.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The evidence was recorded by the Commissioner in his camp office.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the member be pleased to give the names of the respectable citizens who gave evidence before the Commissioner of Police?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): One Mr. Krishna Menon, and eight others had been summoned by the Commissioner of Police. I have got the list before me; I do not know if it would be profitable to read it out.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Did all these nine gentlemen give evidence?

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